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Dear Henry,

Congratulations on your second State of the Union message. I have only seen the (London) Times account, but I am delighted. It sounds even better (sharper, clearer in focus) than last year's. When the British postal strike ends, if it ever does, I should be grateful for a copy.

The military news from Indochina is hard to follow, but Robert Thompson is necessary, and he is good enough for me.

The news from the M.E. looks promising. The Egyptian step is a big one. Don't make Meade's mistake at Seti's tomb. They are rethinking. Press

hands, if always with great economy as
 oriental people, of course. The only way one
 position in the Arab world will be restored is
 to demonstrate clearly that one will prevail
 in the end; and that they only lose by
 playing the Soviet card. What would give
 the Soviets a victory in the Arab world?
 Obviously, Israel withdrew without
 peace. In this, they have now paid
 what is next best? Withdrawal to the
 lines of June 4, 1967, without losing the
 so through a conference, at least for
 Egypt. This must fail too, unless
 Egypt is willing to settle for a
complete demilitarization of the Sinai,
 + a lease of Sharm-el-Sheikh, plus
 a road to it. I should think the Jami
 for March of March, 1968, should work

was * could send them it down
 known for Bob Anderson he couldn't
 object to it. But the Tearing changed
 a word, & lost out. Maybe Sudent is
 so afraid of a conference that he
 would take the formula of complete
 demilitarization plus peace. I'll not
 guess, however; that will take a couple of
 months to get to that point, a least.

I can imagine the speaker's voice
 getting from various functions. But
 you are tough about that.
 with cordial regards,

Yours, as always,

Gene

* In the form of a summary of
 acceptable, I have now summarized the main points